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ABSTRACT

A survey was conducted to determine: (1) whether there is a need for on-campus child care facilities among Atkinson College students; (2) when such facilities would be used; (3) what kind of administration would be preferred; and (4) how much users might be prepared to pay for these facilities. Data were gathered via questionnaires mailed to a systematic random sample of students. A total of 561 questionnaires were completed, yielding a completion rate of 70%. Results showed that: (1) there is a clear need for evening child care facilities for students; (2) although not in as great a demand as evening care, day care facilities should also be considered; (3) preference was shown for board-run child care facilities as opposed to all professional or cooperative administrations; and (4) although respondents were not asked what they would be willing to pay for child care facilities, questions directed at current costs for child care reveal that only 48 students mentioned paying for child care. Answers to specific questions and a copy of the survey questionnaire are provided in appendices. (KM)

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REPORT

on the

ATKINSON COLLEGE CHILD CARE PLANNING SURVEY

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(This survey was commissioned by Atkinson College and conducted by the Survey Research Centre, Institute for Behavioural Research, York University in the Fall of 1972).

In the past few years, a certain amount of interest has been shown by members of the York University community in on-campus child care facilities. Interest was visibly demonstrated in the fall of 1969 when a parent group set up a day-care centre for 12 children in a two-room area loaned by Winters College Student Council. The present Centre's facilities, located in three renovated apartments and the lobby of Graduate Residence #3 and on the ground floor of Graduate Residence #4, are now operating with a capacity enrollment of 62 children, and cannot fully meet the community's demand for child day care.[1]

The survey to which this report is addressed was stimulated by numbers of inquiries from Atkinson College students about child care facilities. In addition to the fact that the existing child care facilities are overtaxed, it was anticipated that Atkinson College student parents might have somewhat different needs from parents of children enrolled in the York Co-operative Daycare Centre. Atkinson College is an evening faculty with the majority of its student body doing part-time studies; working during the day and attending classes in the evening.[2] Might evening care be of more interest to evening students? Might minimal parent involvement in the administration of child care facilities be preferred by working students to a co-operative-run facility?

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[1] There are two publications pertaining to the Daycare Centre, York University: E. Scholz, M. de Wit, W. Gairdner, "Report of the Daycare Planning Committee York University," February 1972, and "York University Daycare Long Range Planning Survey," April 1971. Copies are available from York Co-operative Daycare Centre, Graduate Residence #3, York University.

[2] This changes somewhat for the summer session when courses are offered in the day as well as the evening.

This survey was commissioned by Atkinson College and conducted by the Survey Research Centre, Institute for Behavioural Research, York University for the purpose of ascertaining:

a) if there is a need among Atkinson College students for on-campus child care facilities;

b) when such facilities would be used;

c) what kind of administration would be preferred; and

d) how much users might be prepared to pay for these facilities.

The report on the survey findings is presented in five sections:

1. Summary of the findings
2. Methods and scope of the survey
3. Overall results
4. Students interested in child care facilities at York University vis-à-vis those who are not
5. Anticipated Enrollments

1. SUMMARY OF THE FINDINGS

1. It is clear that there is a need for evening child care facilities for Atkinson College Students. Given that the facilities were available in the fall of 1973, and met with their approval, respondents indicated that there would be as many as seventy-one children for enrollment. Among these seventy-one children, the age groups divided as follows:

6 weeks - 1 year 11 months	23 children
2 years - 4 years 11 months	20 children
5 years - 11 years 11 months	28 children

2. Although not in as great a demand as evening care, daycare facilities should also be considered. Respondents reported that they would like to enroll forty-three children in the fall of 1973. The age groups of these children divided as follows:

6 weeks - 1 year 11 months	20 children
2 years - 4 years 11 months	23 children

3. Preference was shown for board-run child care facilities as opposed to all professional or co-operative administrations. The board-run child care facility has the following implications. It would be professionally staffed. Parents, as members of the child care centre, would annually elect a Board of Directors and possibly do some committee work on a voluntary basis. The Board would manage the centre and hire its staff.

Second choice was an all-professional administration with no time commitment from parents. Only one quarter of the students was interested in a co-operative child care centre.

4. No direct question was asked of respondents as to what they might be willing to pay for child care facilities. Instead, questions were directed at what costs were currently being incurred for child care. Only forty-eight students[4] mentioned paying for child care on those evenings when they attended classes.

Costs for evening child care ranged from four dollars to one hundred forty dollars a month which provided from five to two hundred hours of baby sitting. The median monthly rate was twelve dollars and the median hourly rate was seventy-five cents.

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[3] Although the respondents were asked, "If such child care facilities met your requirements, how many children would you enroll in September, 1973?" within the three different age groups, some may not have adjusted the ages of their children from their present ages to the age they would be in eleven months time. The number of babies may therefore be overestimated. Furthermore, some babies are yet to be born. In sum, the above totals are not without some possible ambiguity.

[4] These 48 students were 26% of those students who reported making some kind of evening arrangements for children, while they attended classes. In most cases, one parent was at home to look after the children.

Costs for day care ranged from ten dollars to two hundred dollars a month which provided for from three to two hundred hours of child care.[5] The median monthly rate was sixty-two dollars and the median hourly rate was seventy-three cents.

The data on costs lack precision in detail. Views on the relative importance of costs, however, were registered by two hundred and fifty-six people. For the majority (58%), it was 'very' important for facilities to be of the least possible cost. For a further thirty-eight percent, low costs were 'somewhat' important. Only four percent regarded costs as not being important.

In sum, this sample demonstrates a demand among Atkinson College students for child care facilities, and particularly for evening care. In fact the demand when projected from the sample to the total Atkinson student population, is unlikely to be met given that costs and the type of facilities provided are acceptable to prospective users. There is no reason to believe that the sample has produced biased estimates for the student population as a whole.[6] The sample was approximately ten percent of the total student enrollment. Using as conservative a multiplier as five, there could be as many as three hundred and fifty-five children for placement in an evening care centre and up to two hundred fifteen children for placement in a day care facility next fall. The extent of the demand would no doubt be reduced by the fact that not all children would need care every evening or every day.

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[5] This covered baby sitters and child care centres.

[6] See Section 2 for a discussion on the sample.

2. METHOD AND SCOPE

This survey was conducted by the Survey Research Centre in the fall of 1972. Data were gathered, by way of mailed questionnaires, from a systematic random sample of Atkinson College students registered for the 1972-1973 Fall-Winter Session.

Students names and addresses were systematically selected from an alphabetically-ordered listing of all students on the Atkinson College 1972-1973 Fall-Winter Session, machine-readable file. The resulting sample of 805 students represented approximately ten percent of the 7,812 students on the file at the time the selection was made.

The data were gathered with a six-weeks period running from October 6, 1972, when the questionnaires were mailed out, through to November 16, 1972, the cut-off date for inclusion of questionnaires in the analysis.

Five hundred and sixty-one questionnaires were completed and returned to the Centre yielding a completion rate of seventy percent. A further two percent of the respondents either advised the Centre that they would not fill out a questionnaire or returned questionnaires which were only partially completed.

Comparisons of some characteristics were made between the respondents and the population from which the sample was drawn. The results do not point to any serious biasses in the sample.

Sex	Sample[a] (n=559)	Population[b] (n=7,812)
Male	48%	55%
Female	52%	45%
	100%	100%

[a] 'Sample' in the tables in this section means the respondents for whom there are data.

[b] 'Population' in the tables in this section means the students registered for the 1972-1973 Fall-Winter Session for whom there were data.

A greater-than-expected proportion of women in the sample than in the total population most likely reflects a response bias rather than an oversampling of women. Insofar as the response to mailed questionnaires is related to the interest the addressee has in the purpose of the questionnaire, one could anticipate a relatively greater return by women than men of instruments concerning the need for child care facilities.

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Age Group	Sample (n=559)	Population (n=6,998)
Under 20	0.5%	0.3%
21-24 years	18.8%	18.3%
25-29 years	36.0%	37.0%
30-34 years	20.9%	20.1%
35-39 years	10.2%	11.3%
40-44 years	6.3%	6.3%
45-and over	7.3%	6.6%
	100.0%	99.9%

The differences in age distributions between the sample and the total population are minor. In either case, the majority of the students (57%) are clustered in the age group 25-34 years.

Marital Status	Sample (n=561)	Population (n=6,964)
Married	65.6%	67.5%
Single	34.4%[a]	32.5%
	100.0%	100.0%

[a]Of this group, 5.8% are separated or divorced and 1.3% are widowed.

The marginally lower-than-expected proportion of married respondents may simply be a function of an inconsistent use of terminology. The survey questionnaires defined single as 'never married' and provided for the categories of 'separated/divorced' and 'widowed'. Forms used to gather data for students records provide for only two possibilities, 'married' or 'single'. One might anticipate divorced and widowed persons to regard themselves as 'single' with some consistency. There is likely, however, to be a variation in responses by separated persons as to whether or not they regard themselves as married.

In any event, while the precise differences in marital status between the sample and the total population are not known, since the difference lies within the small group of students who are either separated or divorced, and, if known, would augment the proportion of the sample married, the overall difference is inconsequential.

Number of courses in which currently enrolled	Sample (n=546)	Population (n=7,262)
One	66%	67%
Two	27%	28%
Three	5%	4%
Four or more	2%	1%
	100%	100%

Differences in the number of courses in which the students sampled are enrolled compared with the number taken by the total student population are minimal. In either instance, over ninety percent of the students were registered for one or two courses.

In summary, the sample compares favourably with the population from which it was drawn. In terms of age distributions and course levels, the sample closely reflects the total population. There is some over-enumeration of women and some uncertainty about the marital status comparison (although one could expect an over-enumeration of married students for reasons similar to those given for women) but neither factors should seriously bias the overall results.

3. OVERALL RESULTS

This section differs from the next three sections in that it considers the background characteristics and child care arrangements of all respondents. These results include the 'reports' of respondents who were not at all interested in child care facilities but who were asked to complete the questionnaire up to and including Question 12. At that point, interest in child care was ascertained. The reason for following this procedure in the questionnaire design was to provide information on both the potential as well as the expected demand of child care.

General Background and Academic Involvement

The majority of the respondents were married (66%), in the age group 25-34 years when the raising of young children is most likely (57%) and engaged in full-time employment (81%). Most commonly, the respondents were enrolled in one course (66%). Approximately one quarter (27%) were registered for two courses while the remaining seven percent were taking from three to five courses. Insofar as sixty-nine percent of the respondents planned to take summer courses and seventy-six percent expected to take further winter courses, the majority of the sample had attachments to Atkinson College beyond the current session (See Appendix A for detailed results for 'All Respondents').

Child Care

Of the 547 students who answered the question on the number of dependent children they had, the majority, sixty percent, reported no dependent children. Among the forty percent who had at least one child there were a total of four hundred and twenty-eight children (see Table 1).

TABLE 1 Number of Dependent Children

Response Category	Number of Respondents		Number of Children
	n	%	
0 children	328	60.0	0
1 child	82	15.0	82
2 children	82	15.0	164
3 children	41	7.5	123
4 children	11	2.0	44
5 children	3	0.5	15
TOTAL	547	100.0	428

Of the two hundred nineteen parents, sixty percent had children under five years of age and half had children between five and twelve years of age.

For both day and evening care, the most common arrangement was for one parent to stay at home. Baby sitting was the next most frequently used arrangement (See Table 2).

TABLE 2 Child Care Arrangements

	Day		Evening	
	n	%	n	%
1. One parent home	101	58.0	112	61.5
2. Baby sitter	30	17.2	25	13.7
3. Relatives	11	6.3	12	6.6
4. Combinations of above three	11	6.3	33	18.1
5. Child care Centre	11	6.3	-	
6. Nursery School	10	5.7	-	
	174	99.8	182	99.9

The costs for baby sitters or other day care services ranged from $10.00 to $200.00 a month with $60.00 being the median monthly cost. About forty percent paid $50.00 or less a month and approximately half paid between $50.00 and $100.00 monthly for day care (see Table 3). This paid for from three to two hundred and forty hours a month with the median of eighty-five hours. While almost half of this small group of parents required seventy-five hours or less of child care monthly, there was a cluster of twenty of the forty-four parents requiring over one hundred hours a month.

Table 3 Costs and Time Required for Monthly Daycare

Costs			Hours		
	n	%		n	%
Up to $25.00	13	25.4	Up to 25	8	18.2
$26.00 - $50.00	8	15.7	26 - 50	6	13.6
$51.00 - $75.00	11	21.6	51 - 75	7	15.9
$76.00 - $100.00	14	27.5	76 - 100	3	6.8
$101.00 plus	5	9.8	101 plus	20	45.5
	51	100.0		44	100.0

The costs for baby sitters for children during the time their parents attended evening classes ranged from four dollars to one hundred fifty dollars a month, with twelve dollars being the median monthly cost. Over three quarters of this small group of parents paid twenty dollars and less per month for evening care (see Table 4).

TABLE 4 Costs and Time Required for Monthly Evening Care

Costs[a]		Hours[b]	
	n		n
Up to $10.00	18	Up to 10 hours	6
$11.00 - $20.00	18	11 - 20	23
$21.00 - $30.00	3	21 - 30	4
$31.00 - $40.00	4	31 - 40	6
$80.00 - $150.00	2	50 - 200	3
	45		42

[a] No costs fell into the $41.00 - $79.00 range.
[b] No hours fell into the 41-49 hour range.

Monthly requirements ranged from five hours to two hundred hours with a median of nineteen and one half hours paid for child evening care. Over half of this small group of parents paid for from eleven to twenty hours of evening care in a month.

Interest in Child Care at York

About half the respondents had no interest in child care facilities at York University. (See Table 5). These respondents ended the questionnaire at this point. Of the half of the sample which was interested in child care facilities at York, about one third (which amounted to 13% of the total sample) was interested unequivocally, and the other two thirds (which amounted to 37% of the total sample), although not interested now, possibly would be in the future.

TABLE 5 - Q. 12 "Do you personally have any interest in child care facilities at York University?"

	n	%
Yes	74	13.4
No, not now, but possibly in the future	206	37.3
No, none whatever	272	49.3
	552	100.0

4. STUDENTS INTERESTED IN CHILD CARE FACILITIES AT YORK UNIVERSITY VIS-A-VIS THOSE WHO ARE NOT

Comparisons among those respondents who expressed an interest either now or in the future, in child care facilities at York University and those who had no interest at all have been made with purpose of adding further information about the former group. Numerical comparisons can be seen in Table 6 and Table 7 below.

General Background

In the group which was interested in child care facilities, there were, as could be anticipated, proportionately more women than men and more married persons than single persons than were found in the group which was not personally interested in child care facilities. Of the 'interested' group, sixty percent were women and sixty-nine percent were married whereas of the 'not interested' group, only forty-four percent were women and sixty-three percent were married. However, these results also show that child care is by no means the domain of concern of women and married persons alone.

The 'interested' group was a younger group than the group which was 'not interested' in child care facilities at York, with proportionately more persons under thirty-five (ninety percent compared with sixty-three percent respectively).

In terms of their employment status, while the vast majority of all respondents were engaged in full-time employment, relatively more of the 'interested' group (26 percent and 11 percent, respectively) were not working full time. Of this minor group, the majority would be housewives, a further reflection of the overenumeration of women in the 'interested' group.

With respect to children, there was surprisingly little difference between the two groups in the proportion without children. Relatively more of the 'interested' group, however, had just one child (20 percent and 10 percent, respectively), whereas relatively more of the 'not interested' group had three or more children, (14 percent and 7 percent respectively). Although no attempt was made to control for age, this factor might well reduce such differences since the 'not interested' group was generally older.

Academic Involvement

Course loads in the current Winter Session were greater for the 'interested' than for the 'not interested' group. Thirty-nine percent of the 'interested' group compared with twenty-nine percent of the 'not interested' group were enrolled in two or more courses.

In terms of the number of sessions they expected to enroll in, the 'interested' group indicated a relatively longer period of association with Atkinson College in the future than did the 'not interested' group. Whereas in the 'interested' group, sixty-five percent expected to register in three or more further Winter Sessions at Atkinson College and fifty-four percent expected to be enrolled in three or more of the future Summer Sessions, of the 'not interested' group, fifty-eight percent anticipated three or more Winter Sessions and forty-seven percent expected to register in three or more Summer Sessions.

In sum, those respondents who expressed either an immediate or a possible future interest in on-campus child care facilities compared with those who had no interest whatsoever, were more likely to be female, younger, married and have one rather than more children, and although about three quarters were working full-time, this proportion for the 'interested' group was lower than that for the 'not interested' group. They would also be more likely to be carrying a heavier course load currently and expect to continue at Atkinson College for a longer period of time.

TABLE 6 Comparisons Between Students 'Interested' and 'Not Interested' in Child Care Facilities at York: By Demographic Characteristics

	'Interested'	'Not Interested'	Total
Sex	(n=278)	(n=272)	(n=550)
Male	40%	56%	48%
Female	60%	44%	52%
	100%	100%	100%
Age	(n=280)	(n=271)	(n=551)
Under 25 yrs.	24%	14%	19%
25 - 29	41%	32%	36%
30 - 34	25%	17%	21%
35 - 39	8%	13%	10%
40 - 44	1%	11%	6%
45 plus	1%	14%	7%
	100%	101%	99%
Marital Status	(n=280)	(n=272)	(n=552)
Single	26%	29%	27%
Married	69%	63%	66%
Sep./Div./Wid.	6%	8%	7%
	101%	100%	100%
Number of Children	(n=273)	(n=265)	(n=538)
None	59%	62%	60%
One	20%	10%	15%
Two	15%	15%	15%
Three plus	7%	14%	10%
	99%	101%	100%
Employment Status	(n=279)	(n=270)	(n=549)
Full-time	74%	89%	81%
Part-time/Occasional	9%	4%	7%
Not Employed [a]	17%	7%	12%
	100%	100%	100%

[a] The 'not employed' category includes housewives.

TABLE 7 Comparisons Between Students 'Interested' and 'Not Interested' in Child Care Facilities at York: By Course Enrollments, Present and Future

	'Interested'	'Not Interested'	Total
Course enrollments	(n=271)	(n=267)	(n=538)
1	61%	72%	66%
2	28%	25%	27%
3 plus	11%	4%	7%
	100%	99%	100%
Further Winter Sessions	(n=222)	(n=230)	(n=452)
None	3%	10%	6%
1 - 2	32%	32%	32%
3 - 4	32%	25%	28%
5 or more	33%	33%	33%
	100%	100%	99%
Further Summer Sessions	(n=214)	(n=197)	(n=411)
None	6%	10%	8%
1 - 2	40%	42%	41%
3 - 4	33%	26%	30%
5 or more	21%	21%	22%
	100%	99%	101%

5. ANTICIPATED ENROLLMENTS

The results reported in this section are based on the responses of those respondents, some two hundred and eighty students, who expressed an interest in child care facilities either now or in the future. Eighty-one respondents said that they would enroll at least one child within the different age groupings and time periods provided on the questionnaire. Almost twice as many saw their use of child care facilities at some time beyond rather than in the fall of 1973. (See Appendix B for more detailed results). Although day care proved slightly more appealing than evening care (see Table 8), evening care could be expected to be used more than day care (see Table 9).

Table 8 Q. 14, 14B "If available, would you use child care facilities located at York University during the day/in the evenings?"

	Day		Evening	
	n	%	n	%
Yes	106	50%	112	47%
Unsure	38	18%	31	13%
No	69	32%	96	40%
	213	100%	179	100%

Table 9 Q. 15a - 15j "If such child care facilities met your requirements, how many children would you enroll?"

	Age Group			
Time Period	6 weeks - 2 years	2 years - 5 years	5 years - 12 years	Total
Days				
Half-time	9	16	N/A	25
Full-time	11	7	N/A	18
Evenings	23	20	28	71
TOTAL	43	43	28	114

Respondents reported that a total of seventy-one children could be enrolled for evening care and some thirty-three children could be enrolled for day care. Somewhat more children could be expected for part-time than for full-time day care. Most parents indicated that one or two evenings would be their maximum requirement for evening child care.

When asked about the relative importance of York providing a) day care facilities and b) evening care facilities for children, more indicated that the former rather than the latter were 'very important' (See Table 10): relatively more respondents saw evening care facilities as opposed to day care facilities as 'somewhat important'. About the same proportion (9 percent and 8 percent) regarded either facility as 'not important'.

Table 10 Q. 16a, Q. 16b. "How important is it to you that York provides day care facilities/evening care facilities?"

	Day care Facilities		Evening care Facilities	
	n	%	n	%
Very Important	128	54%	121	48%
Somewhat Important	87	37%	111	44%
Not Important	21	9%	21	8%
	236	100%	253	100%

No matter which type of facilities, the respondents agreed overwhelmingly that they should be provided at the least possible cost to them (See Table 11). Over half thought that the cost factor was 'very important' (58 percent), and a further thirty-eight percent regarded the cost as 'somewhat important'. Only four percent did not view the cost as a consideration.[7]

Table 11 Q. 16c. "How important is it to you that York provides these facilities with the least possible cost?"

	n	%
Very Important	149	58%
Somewhat Important	98	38%
Not Important	9	4%
	256	100%

7 This question may be somewhat ambiguous. The phrase 'with the least possible cost' was to have been inferred as the cost to the user. It might have been read in some instances as the cost to York University. In any event, the latter interpretation would also have implication for the user.

The type of child care facility preferred was one with a Board-run administration with an All-Professional management as a second choice (See Table 12). Although the difference in support for either board-run or professional child care facilities was not great (40 percent and 35 percent, respectively), half the respondents opted for a board-run facility when asked for their second choice.

Table 12 Q. 13a, Q. 13b. "If you had a choice among three types of child care facilities, which would you prefer?"

	First Choice		Second Choice	
Type[a]	n	%	n	%
All professional	95	35%	82	31%
Board-run	108	40%	131	50%
Co-operative	69	25%	49	19%
	272	100%	262	100%

a For the description of these three types of child care facilities which was presented to the respondents, see the questionnaire, page 3, in Appendix C.

In summary, while more of these respondents said a) that they would use day care facilities as opposed to evening care facilities and b) that the importance for York to provide day care as opposed to evening care was greater, the number of children who would be enrolled in evening care facilities compared with day care facilities, was clearly greater. For this reason, the actual use made of evening care facilities appears likely to be greater than the use made of day care facilities.

Although respondents wanted the facilities to be provided at the least possible cost they did not show preference for the least expensive type of facilities, namely the cooperative-run child care centre. Instead general preference was shown for a board-run administration..

APPENDIX A

ALL RESPONDENTS, PERSONS WITH A PRESENT INTEREST IN CHILD CARE,

PERSONS WITH A FUTURE INTEREST IN CHILD CARE

(Questions 1 through 12)

Note: The latter two groups above are derived from those who answered 'Yes' and 'No, possibly in the future' to Question 12, "Do you personally have any interest in child care facilities at York University?"

The totals for these two groups will not add up to the totals for 'All Respondents' since the group which answered 'No' to Question 12 is not shown in the tabulations.

Question	Response	All Respondents		Interest in Child Care Facilities at York? Yes		Possibly in Future	
		N - 561		N = 74		N = 206	
1. In how many courses are you currently enrolled at Atkinson College?	0	1%	8	1%	1	2%	4
	1	64%	359	61%	45	58%	120
	2	26%	147	30%	22	27%	55
	3	5%	26	3%	2	7%	15
	4+	2%	12	5%	4	4%	8
	No Answer	1%	9	0%	0	2%	4
2. Do you expect to graduate on successful completion of this session?	Yes	6%	35	5%	4	5%	11
	No	93%	524	95%	70	95%	195
	No Answer	-	2	0%	0	0%	0
3a. For how many more sessions do you expect to take courses at Atkinson College ? No. of Summer Sessions	0	6%	33	9%	7	2%	5
	1	14%	80	20%	15	11%	22
	2	16%	91	14%	10	18%	38
	3	13%	74	18%	13	14%	29
	4	9%	49	4%	3	13%	26
	5	7%	38	5%	4	8%	16
	6+	9%	53	9%	7	9%	19
	No Answer	26%	143	20%	15	25%	51
3b. For how many more Winter Sessions do you expect to take courses at Atkinson College?	0	5%	30	4%	3	2%	4
	1	11%	62	16%	12	8%	17
	2	15%	85	15%	11	15%	31
	3	14%	76	16%	12	17%	34
	4	9%	53	4%	3	10%	21
	5	8%	46	7%	5	6%	13
	6+	19%	106	16%	12	22%	44
	No Answer	18%	103	22%	16	20%	42
4. Do you intend to live in Atkinson College Residence?	Yes	1%	8	1%	1	2%	5
	No	89%	501	86%	63	84%	174
	Unsure	9%	50	12%	9	13%	26
	No Answer	-	2	1%	1	1%	1
5. Sex:	Male	48%	269	32%	24	43%	88
	Female	52%	290	68%	50	56%	116
	No Answer	-	2	0%	0	1%	2

Question	Response	All Respondents		Yes		Possibly in Future	
6. Marital Status	Single	28%	154	15%	11	30%	61
	Married	66%	368	78%	58	65%	134
	Sep./Div.	5%	32	7%	5	5%	10
	Widowed	1%	7	0	0	0	1
7. Age Group	<19	1%	3	1%	1	1%	1
	20-24	19%	105	18%	13	25%	52
	25-29	36%	201	39%	29	41%	85
	30-34	21%	117	27%	20	24%	50
	35-39	10%	57	9%	7	7%	14
	40-44	6%	35	3%	2	1%	2
	45 +	7%	41	3%	2	1%	2
	No Answer	-	2	0	0	0	0
8. What is your employment status?	Full Time	81%	452	68%	50	76%	156
	Part-Time	3%	18	8%	6	3%	6
	Occasional	3%	19	1%	1	6%	12
	Not Employed/ Housewife	12%	68	23%	17	15%	31
	No Answer	1%	4	0	0	0	1
8b. If married, what is your spouse's employment status?	Full Time	42%	238	58%	42	46%	95
	Part-Time	4%	20	5%	4	2%	5
	Occasional	2%	13	1%	1	2%	5
	Not Employed/ Housewife	16%	88	12%	9	13%	26
	No Spouse	34%	192	23%	17	35%	71
	No Answer	2%	10	1%	1	2%	4
9a. How many dependent children do you have?	0	59%	328	39%	29	64%	131
	1	15%	82	27%	20	17%	34
	2	15%	82	20%	15	13%	26
	3	7%	41	7%	5	5%	10
	4+	3%	14	3%	2	0	1
	No Answer	3%	14	4%	5	1%	4
9b. Number of children between 5 and 12 years of age?	0	19%	108	31%	23	19%	40
	1	11%	60	12%	9	11%	23
	2	6%	36	9%	7	2%	4
	3+	2%	14	4%	3	1%	2
	Inappropriate	59%	332	41%	30	65%	133
	No Answer	2%	11	3%	2	2%	4

Question	Response	All Respondents		Yes		Possibly in Future	
9c. Number of children under 5 years of age?	0	15%	86	15%	11	5%	11
	1	17%	93	31%	23	19%	39
	2	6%	35	10%	8	8%	16
	3+	1%	3	0	0	1%	2
	Inappropriate	59%	332	41%	30	65%	133
	No Answer	2%	12	3%	2	2%	5
10a.							
1. If you have any dependent children under 5 years old, How old is the youngest child under 5 yrs. old? (Child A)	1 - 12 mths.	8%	43	18%	13	10%	20
	13 - 24 mths.	6%	35	9%	7	7%	14
	25 - 36 mths.	5%	30	7%	5	6%	13
	37 - 48 mths.	2%	14	5%	4	3%	6
	49 - 60 mths.	2%	9	3%	2	2%	4
	Inappropriate	74%	418	55%	41	70%	144
	No Answer	2%	12	3%	2	2%	5
2. How old is the next youngest child under 5 years old? (Child B)	1 - 12 mths.	1%	4	3%	2	0	1
	13 - 24 mths.	-	2	0	0	0	1
	25 - 36 mths.	3%	14	5%	4	4%	8
	37 - 48 mths.	2%	10	3%	2	1%	3
	49 - 60 mths.	2%	9	1%	1	3%	5
	Inappropriate	91%	510	85%	63	89%	183
	No Answer	2%	12	3%	2	3%	5
3. How old is the next youngest child under 5 years old? (Child C)	1 - 12 mths.	-	1	1%	1	0	0
	13 - 24 mths.	-	0	0	0	0	0
	25 - 36 mths.	-	1	0	0	0	0
	37 - 48 mths.	-	1	0	0	0	1
	49 - 60 mths.	-	1	0	0	0	1
	Inappropriate	97%	545	96%	71	97%	199
	No Answer	2%	12	3%	2	3%	5
10b.							
1. What arrangements do you currently have for their care during the day? Youngest child under 5 years old? (Child A)	One parent home (1)	13%	75	16%	12	16%	33
	Relatives take care of the child (2)	2%	10	3%	2	2%	5
	Babysitter (3)	4%	23	12%	9	5%	10
	Child Care Centre	1%	5	3%	2	1%	2
	Combination (1,2,3)	1%	8	4%	3	2%	4
	Nursery School	-	1	0	0	0	0
	Child Care and Other	-	2	0	0	0	1
	Nursery School and Other	1%	5	3%	2	1%	2
	Inappropriate	74%	417	54%	40	70%	144
	No Answer	3%	15	5%	4	2%	5

Question	Response	All Respondents		Yes		Possibly in Futur	
10b.							
2. What arrangements do you currently have for the day care of the next youngest child under 5 years old? (Child B)	One parent home (1)	4%	24	4%	3	6%	13
	Relatives take care of the child (2)	-	1	0	0	0	1
	Babysitter (3)	1%	7	4%	3	2%	4
	Child Care Centre	-	2	1%	1	0	0
	Combination (1,2.3)	1%	3	3%	2	0	0
	Nursery School	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Child Care & other	-	1	0	0	0	0
	Nursery School and Other	-	2	0	0	0	0
	Inappropriate	91%	508	84%	62	89%	183
	No Answer	2%	13	4%	3	2%	5
3. What arrangements do you currently have for the day care of the next youngest child under 5 years old? (Child C)	One parent home	-	2	0	0	1%	2
	Child care Centre	-	1	0	0	0	0
	Nursery School & Other	-	2	0	0	0	1
	Inappropriate	97%	543	96%	71	96%	198
	No Answer	2%	13	4%	3	3%	5
10c.							
1. Cost for day care per month for Child A	0	-	5	1%	1	1%	3
	1 - 25	1%	8	4%	3	2%	4
	26 - 50	1%	7	4%	3	1%	2
	51 - 75	2%	9	1%	1	2%	5
	76 - 100	2%	13	7%	5	3%	6
	101 +	1%	4	4%	3	0	0
	Inappropriate	89%	499	72%	53	88%	180
	No Answer	3%	16	7%	5	3%	6
2. Cost for day care per month for Child B.	0	-	2	0	0	0	1
	1 - 25	1%	5	5%	4	0	1
	26 - 50	-	1	0	0	0	0
	51 - 75	-	2	0	0	1%	2
	76 - 100	-	1	0	0	0	1
	101 +	-	1	0	0	0	0
	Inappropriate	95%	535	90%	66	95%	196
	No Answer	3%	14	5%	4	3%	5
2. Cost for day care per month for Child C.	0	-	1	0	0	0	0
	Inappropriate	98%	547	96%	71	98%	201
	No Answer	2%	13	4%	3	2%	5
10c.							
1. Approximate number of hours this pays for per month for Child A.	1 - 25	2%	9	5%	4	2%	4
	26 - 50	1%	4	3%	2	1%	2
	51 - 75	1%	6	3%	2	1%	2
	76 - 100	1%	5	1%	1	1%	2
	101 - 125	-	0	0	0	0	0
	126 - 150	-	3	1%	1	0	1
	151 - 200	2%	12	5%	4	2%	5
	201 +	-	3	1%	1	0	1
	Inappropriate	90%	503	74%	54	89%	183
	No Answer	3%	16	7%	5	4%	6

Question	Response	All Respondents		Yes		Possibly in Futur	
10c.							
2. Approximate number of hours this pays for per month for Child B.	1 - 25	-	4	4%	3	0	1
	26 - 50	-	0	0	0	0	0
	51 - 75	-	2	1%	1	0	0
	76 - 100	-	3	0	0	1%	2
	101 - 125	-	0	0	0	0	0
	126 - 150	-	0	0	0	0	0
	151 - 200	-	1	0	0	0	1
	Inappropriate	97%	536	90%	66	96%	197
	No Answer	2%	14	5%	4	3%	5
3. Approximate number of hours this pays for per month for Child C	Inappropriate	98%	548	96%	71	98%	201
	No Answer	2%	13	4%	3	2%	5
11a. If you have any dependent children under 12 years, what arrangements do you currently have for their care during the evenings when you attend classes?	One parent stays home (1)	20%	112	23%	17	16%	33
	Relatives take care of the child(ren) (2)	2%	12	3%	2	2%	4
	Babysitter takes care of the child(ren) (3)	4%	25	8%	6	5%	11
	Combination, 1&2	2%	10	3%	2	1%	3
	Combination, 1&3	3%	19	11%	8	3%	7
	Combination, 1,2&3	1%	3	4%	3	0	0
	Combination, 2&3	-	1	0	0	0	1
	Inappropriate	63%	355	41%	30	66%	133
	No Answer	4%	24	8%	6	7%	14
11b. Total cost per month if you pay for one or more of the above?	0	-	1	0	0	0	1
	1 - 10	3%	18	7%	5	4%	8
	11 - 20	3%	18	10%	7	3%	6
	21 - 30	1%	3	4%	3	0	0
	30 - 40	-	4	0	0	0	1
	80 +	-	2	2%	2	0	1
	Inappropriate	87%	486	67%	50	85%	173
	No Answer	5%	29	10%	7	8%	16
11c. Approximate number of hours this pays for per month?	10	1%	6	1%	1	2%	4
	11 - 20	4%	23	14%	10	4%	8
	21 - 30	1%	4	3%	2	0	1
	31 - 40	1%	3	1%	1	0	1
	41 +	-	3	1%	1	1%	2
	Inappropriate	87%	487	68%	50	85%	174
	No Answer	6%	35	12%	9	8%	16
12. Do you personally have any interest in child care facilities at York University?	Yes	13%	74				
	Possibly in the future	37%	206				
	No	49%	272				
	No Answer	2%	9				

APPENDIX B

PERSONS 'INTERESTED'

IN

CHILD CARE FACILITIES

(Questions 13a through 16c)

Q. 12 "Do you personally have any interest in child care facilities at York University?"

	n	%
Yes	74	13.2
Possibly in the future	206	36.7
No	272	48.5
No,Answer	9	1.6
	561	100.0

Those two hundred and eighty persons who answered either 'yes' or 'possibly in the future' are those whose responses appear in this Appendix.

Question	Response	Yes (n=74)		Possibly in Future (n=206)	
13a. If you had a choice among 3 types of child care facilities, which would you prefer?	All Professional	41%	30	32%	65
	Board Run	31%	23	41%	85
	Co-Op	23%	17	25%	52
	Inappropriate	0	0	0	0
	No Answer	5%	4	2%	4
13b. What would be your second choice of the following 3 child care facilities?	All Profcssional	28%	21	30%	61
	Board Run	54%	40	44%	91
	Co-Op	11%	8	20%	4
	No Answer	7%	5	6%	13
14. If available, would you use child care facilities located at York University during the day?	Yes	48%	35	34%	71
	No	4%	3	17%	35
	Unsure	24%	18	25%	51
	No Answer	24%	18	24%	49
14b. If available, would you use child care facilities located at York University in the evenings?	Yes	53%	39	35%	73
	No	11%	8	11%	23
	Unsure	18%	13	41%	83
	Inappropriate	0	0	0	0
	No Answer	18%	14	13%	27
15a. If such child care facilities met your requirements, how many children between the ages of 6 weeks and 2 years would you enroll full time?	No Children	10%	7	2%	5
	1 Child	8%	6	2%	5
	Inappropriate	70%	52	84%	172
	No Answer	12%	9	12%	24
15b. If such child care facilities met your requirements, how manychildren between the ages of 2 and 5 years would you enroll full time?	No Children	10%	7	6%	12
	1 Child	5%	4	1%	2
	2 Children	0	0	0	1
	Inappropriate	73%	54	79%	163
	No Answer	12%	9	14%	28
15c. How many children between the ages of 6 wks. and 2 years would you enroll half-time?	No Children	9%	7	4%	8
	1 Child	7%	5	2%	4
	Inappropriate	72%	53	83%	172
	No Answer	12%	9	11%	22
15d. How many children between the ages of 2yrs. and 5 yrs. would you enroll half-time?	No Children	4%	3	3%	7
	1 Child	9%	7	2%	5
	2 Children	3%	2	0	0
	Inappropriate	73%	54	80%	164
	No Answer	11%	8	15%	30

Question	Response	Yes (n=74)		Possibly in Future (n=206)	
15e. How many children between the ages of 6 wks. and 2 yrs. would you enroll in the evenings?	0	3%	2	0	1
	1	11%	8	6%	13
	2	1%	1	0	0
	Inappropriate	70%	52	84%	172
	No Answer	15%	11	10%	20
15f. How many children between the ages of 2 yrs. and 5 yrs. would you enroll in the evenings?	0	0	0	4%	8
	1	5%	4	5%	11
	2	0	0	1%	2
	Inappropriate	72%	53	79%	163
	No Answer	23%	17	11%	22
15g. How many children between the ages of 5 yrs. and 12 yrs. would you enroll in the evenings?	0	4%	3	2%	5
	1	5%	4	4%	8
	2	10%	7	0	0
	Inappropriate	73%	54	85%	175
	No Answer	8%	6	9%	18
15h. How many evenings per week would you enroll children between the ages of 6 wks. and 2 yrs?	1	4%	3	4%	9
	2	7%	5	1%	3
	3	1%	1	0	0
	4	0	0	0	1
	Inappropriate	81%	60	89%	182
	No Answer	7%	5	6%	11
15i. How many evenings per week would you enroll children between the ages of 2 yrs. and 5 yrs?	1	3%	2	4%	8
	2	3%	2	2%	5
	3	1%	1	0	1
	5	1%	1	0	0
	Inappropriate	85%	63	88%	179
	No Answer	7%	5	6%	3
15j. How many evenings per week would you enroll children between the ages of 5 and 12 yrs?	1	4%	3	2%	4
	2	8%	6	3%	6
	5	1%	1	0	0
	Inappropriate	77%	57	88%	182
	No Answer	10%	7	7%	14
16a. How important is it to you that York provides day care facilities?	Very Important	54%	40	43%	88
	Somewhat Important	27%	20	33%	67
	Not Important	3%	2	9%	19
	No Answer	16%	12	15%	32
16b. How important is it to you that York provides evening care facilities?	Very Important	52%	38	41%	83
	Somewhat Important	32%	24	42%	87
	Not Important	5%	4	8%	17
	No Answer	11%	8	9%	19

Question	Response	Yes (n=74)		Possibly in Future (n=206)	
16c. How important is it to you that York provides these facilities with the least possible cost?	Very Important	59%	44	51%	105
	Somewhat Important	26%	19	38%	79
	Not Important	4%	3	3%	6
	No Answer	11%	8	8%	16

APPENDIX C

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

YORK UNIVERSITY

SURVEY RESEARCH CENTRE
September, 1972

ATKINSON COLLEGE CHILD CARE PLANNING SURVEY

Please answer each question by checking the box opposite the most appropriate answer [x], or by filling in the blank. (Please ignore the number adjacent to the answer boxes. They are for coding purposes only).

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1. In how many courses are you currently enrolled at Atkinson College?_____ 5

2. Do you expect to graduate on successful completion of this session? 6

Yes ☐ 1 No ☐ 2

3. For how many more sessions do you expect to take courses at Atkinson College? 7 8

a) number of summer sessions_____

b) number of winter sessions_____

4. Do you intend to live in Atkinson College Residence? 9

Yes ☐ 1 No ☐ 2 Unsure ☐ 3

5. Sex: Male ☐ 1 Female ☐ 2 10

6. Marital Status: Single (never married) ☐ 1 Married ☐ 2 11

Separated, Divorced ☐ 3 Widowed ☐ 4

7. Age: 19 and under ☐ 1 20-24 ☐ 2 25-29 ☐ 3 30-34 ☐ 4 12

35-39 ☐ 5 40-44 ☐ 6 45 & Over ☐ 7

8. What is your employment status, and IF MARRIED, your spouse's? 13 14

	You	Your Spouse
Working full-time	☐ 1	☐ 1
Working part-time, on a regular basis	☐ 2	☐ 2
Working occasionally	☐ 3	☐ 3
Not employed/or housewife	☐ 4	☐ 4

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9. How many dependent children do you have

a) in total?_____ (IF NONE, GO TO Q. 12) 15

b) 5 years and under 12 years old?_____ 16

c) under 5 years old?_____ (IF NONE, GO TO Q. 11) 17

10. IF YOU HAVE ANY DEPENDENT CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD:

a) what are their ages (to the nearest month)

Child A. (Youngest) _____yrs. _____mos. 18-19

Child B. (Next youngest) _____yrs. _____mos. 20-21

Child C. (Next youngest) _____yrs. _____mos. 22-23

b) what arrangements do you currently have for their care during the day? (CHECK ALL THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES)

	Child A	Child B	Child C
One parent stays home	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1
Relatives take care of the child	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2
Baby Sitter	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3
Child Care Centre	☐ 4	☐ 4	☐ 4
Other (Please Specify)	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
Total cost per month if you pay for one or more of the above help	$_____	$_____	$_____
Approximate number of hours this pays for per month	_____hrs.	_____hrs.	_____hrs.

24 25 26

27-29

30-32

33-35

36-38

39-41

42-44

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11. IF YOU HAVE ANY DEPENDENT CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS:

What arrangements do you currently have for their care during the evenings when you attend classes?

(CHECK ALL THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES)

One parent stays home ☐ 1

Relatives take care of the child(ren) ☐ 2

Baby sitter takes care of the child(ren) ☐ 3

Other (specify) _____ 45

Total cost per month if you pay for one or more of the above $_____ 46-48

Approximate number of hours this pays for per month _____hrs. 49-51

12. Do you personally have any interest in child care facilities at York University?

Yes ☐ 1 (GO TO Q. 13)

No, not now, but possibly in the future ☐ 2 (GO TO Q. 13) 52

No, none whatsoever ☐ 3 (STOP HERE. RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE.) (THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION)

13. There are 3 main types of child care centres:

a) professionally staffed, non-participatory centre that operates strictly as a service. Parents have no obligation beyond paying their fees and picking up their children at a specified time;

b) as above except that parents join as members and annually elect a Board of Directors and perhaps do some committee work if they so wish. The Board manages the centre and hires the staff;

c) a co-operative centre. Parents are expected to contribute time both at the centre and on various administrative committees. Parents manage the centre and hire staff thereby reducing some costs.

If you had a choice among these 3 types of child care facilities, which would be

(i) your first preference: a) All professional? ☐ 1

b) Board-run? ☐ 2

c) Co-operative? ☐ 3 53

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(ii) your second preference: a) All professional? ☐ 1

b) Board-run? ☐ 2

c) Co-operative? ☐ 3 ___ 54

14. PLEASE ANSWER THIS QUESTION EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN NOW.

If available, would you use child care facilities located at York University?

(a) DURING THE DAY		(b) DURING THE EVENING	
Yes	☐ 1	Yes	☐ 1
No	☐ 2	No	☐ 2
Unsure	☐ 3	Unsure	☐ 3

___ 55 ___ 56

15. If such child care facilities met your requirements, how many children would you enrol in September, 1973?

	(a) Children under 2 yrs. & at least 6 weeks	(b) Children under 5 years and at least 2 years	(c) Children 5 yrs and under 12 years	
Full-time day (40hrs/wk)	_____	_____	Not applicable	___ 57 ___ 58
Half-time day (20 hrs/wk)	_____	_____	Not applicable	___ 59 ___ 60
Evenings (6:30pm-10:30pm)	_____	_____	_____	___ 61 ___ 62 ___ 63
IF EVENINGS, on how many evenings per week would you use these facilities?	_____	_____	_____	___ 64 ___ 65 ___ 66

16. In your opinion, how important is it that plans are made for Atkinson College Students for providing:

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	
a) child care facilities during the day?	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	___ 67
b) child care facilities during the evening?	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	___ 68
AND IF CHILD CARE FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED:				
c) child care facilities with the least possible cost to parents	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	___ 69

Further Comments?_____

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